

18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 2018 10:45 am

WE GATHER

Prelude David Diebold

Welcome and Announcements Mark Bender

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gathering Music

**I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!**

*Call to Worship Claire Baer

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ.

Members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another.

There are no outsiders here among us. No one has any special standing or bragging rights.

We have all been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

Let us all join together in worship!

*Hymn No. 272

The Church's One Foundation - vs. 1, 2 & 5

*Invocation Claire Baer

*Gloria Patri No. 36

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Josh deSteiguer
Pew Bible Page 163

Children's Message Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Josh deSteiguer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Response to Prayer Twofold Amen Chancel Choir

Anthem
How Beautiful the Church

Chancel Choir
Martin

Sermon Mark Bender
We are the Church Together: A Foundation

WE RESPOND

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn No. 420

I Come with Joy - vs. 1, 2 & 3

Communion Invitation Cheryl Smiley

Elders' Prayers Cal Edgemon & David Collins

Distribution of the Loaf and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

*Please partake of the bread (Gluten-free wafers are available in each bread tray) as it is passed; we will share the cup together**, after sharing our common confession.*

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

THE OFFERING

Invitation to Stewardship Mark Bender

Offertory Chancel Choir

Thy Word arr. Schraeder

*Doxology No. 46

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Offertory Prayer

WE GO FORTH

*Invitation to Discipleship Mark Bender

*Closing Hymn No. 618

How Firm a Foundation - vs. 1, 2 & 4

*Benediction Josh deSteiguer

*Postlude David Diebold

* If you are able, please stand.

** A few cups of water are in the communion tray for those on sugar-free diets.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

IN MEMORY OF BILL THACKER (Husband of Pat Thacker) given by Glenn & Linda Tole, Jim & Cathy Biggs.



We are the Church Together!

*I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
All around the world,
Yes, we're the church together!*

Many of you probably remember singing that song as a child. The catchy lyrics and memorable tune implanted this truth in your hearts and minds. I am...you are...we are the church together.

But what makes us the church together? Over the next five weeks, we will continue to examine what it means for the church to make an investment in deep relationships, to nurture God's principles for living, to equip individuals for sharing their faith stories, to encourage thankful praise, and to serve the hurts and hopes of the world. Invite your friends to join you each week as we dig into the purposeful design of the church.

September 23	<i>We are the Church Together - A Foundation</i>
September 30	<i>We are the Church Together - A Focus</i>
October 7	<i>We are the Church Together - A Fervor</i>
October 14	Senior Minister Installation Service
October 21	<i>We are the Church Together - A Force</i>

Young Disciples: Grades K-5

Sunday Evenings:
Young Disciples @ 5:45-7:00 pm in Room 402
Wednesday Evenings:
First Kidz @ 6:00-7:00 pm in Room 402
Bible Study, activities, fellowship and games



Youth: Grades 6-12

Join us on Sunday evenings from 5-7 for dinner, games, and some time spent in God's Word. We are working on our "Back to Basics" lesson series where we cover key tenants of our faith such as prayer, grace, and other big picture elements of what we believe. Also join us on Wednesday nights from 7-8 after the Neighborhood Worship service where we are discussing ways to apply our faith to current, real life situations that youth face on a daily basis.

Nursery

A quality nursery for infants and young children during the Sunday worship services located in Room 209. The children will get to learn about God through storytelling, play, and music. Available during the week are our childcare programs of Children Come First and Young Ages Preschool.



Welcome, Little Ones!

Children's Church

Children's Church allows children age 4 years—2nd grade to worship and fellowship together in an age appropriate environment through storytelling and art projects. Children can be picked up immediately following the worship service in Room 213, use the Exit door near altar and follow the signs for "Children Pick-Up".

Hearing Aid Devices

We have hearing assistance devices available to improve your worship experience. Please notify one of our deacons or elders who are greeters today and they will be happy to help you.

How May We Serve You?

The registration pad which is passed out at the beginning of worship each Sunday is a convenient way to notify the church office of changes in your contact information, to request a visit or call from the Pastoral Staff, to share information with our Elders, or to make any other request. Please let us know how we might serve you this week.

E-Mail Addresses

FCC Ministry News and Friday From First are e-newsletters delivered to your inbox and cell phone on Mondays that includes a schedule for the week, ministry highlights, and photos of what's happening at FCC during the week, and on Fridays there is an update from Dr. Bender on what is happening on Sunday. To subscribe, simply call the church office at 692-2282 and provide your email address. You may unsubscribe at any time.

Sermons

Last week's sermon is available in print form in the Narthex of the Chapel and Sanctuary or at www.firstchristianwf.com.

GIVE+Mobile

Electronic Giving is a convenient and secure way to provide consistent financial support to our church. You can now make contributions to First Christian Church anytime. Just look for the *GivePlus Church* app in the App Store or Google Play. You can quickly and easily donate using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

Please Call The Church Office If A Church Member Is Hospitalized

Due to hospital policy changes & HIPAA laws, if a church member enters any hospital, the church office has no way of knowing and now needs for either the patient, a family member, a friend, or another church member to call and tell us. If in doubt, please, go ahead and call the church office as we would prefer to receive many calls about someone being hospitalized, than us not knowing at all!

Common Ground Recovery Ministries



Common Ground Recovery Ministry

Adult peer support groups that meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm (Parenting, Anger Management, and Rebuilding from Broken Relationships). For more information contact Rev. Margaret Scales at 940-337-1712 or cgrm@firstchristianwf.com.

Ministry News & Calendar Highlights

TEA AT TWO ON TUESDAYS!

Tuesday, September 25

Bring your favorite tea cup for a gathering for women on Tuesday, September 25th, at 2 pm in the Church Parlor. There will be hot tea, tasty treats, and great conversation. Bring a friend or neighbor!

SHERI SUTTON'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, Sept. 26

In *The Prodigal God*, Timothy Keller, a *New York Times* bestselling author, uses one of the best-known Christian parables to reveal an unexpected message of hope and salvation. Taking his trademark intellectual approach to understanding Christianity, Keller uncovers the essential message of Jesus, locked inside his most familiar parable.

Join Sheri Sutton as she continues this six-week study this Wednesday in Room 310 at 10:30 am. Call the church office at 692-2282 to register. You may purchase a book for \$12 in the office or at the study.

RECONCILIATION OFFERING

Sundays, Sept. 30/Oct. 7

Why Have a Reconciliation Special Offering? The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a history dating from the 1960s of sharing our resources to address the racism of our society and the racism within our own church. We have called this process the Reconciliation Ministry. As the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) lives into its identity as a "movement for wholeness in a fragmented world" contributions to this offering facilitate camp and conference and leadership development opportunities as well as programs for dialogue across differences that promotes life-giving community within our beloved church and among the whole family of God.

We will receive this offering on Sundays, September 30th and October 7th, and the funds will be used throughout the year to give grants to the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism initiative to organize and to dismantle systems and structures that perpetuate this sin of division within the Church. This voluntary annual offering is the only source of funding for this ministry.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 23, 2018

8:40—Worship..... Chapel
9:30—Sunday School
9:45—Journey Through Scripture Bible Study..... Parlor
10:45—Worship..... Sanctuary
3:45-5:00—Chancel Ringers (Adults)..... Stratten Hall
5:00-5:45—Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5)..... Stratten Hall
5:00-7:00—Chi Rho (Grades 6-8) & CYF (Grades 9-12)..... Room 403
5:45-7:00—Young Disciples (Grades K-5)..... Room 402

Monday, September 24, 2018

7:30-6:00—Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)
9:00-12:00—Young Ages School "YAS" (M-F)
9:00—CCF Music..... Room 220
10:45—FCC Staff Meeting..... Room 222
7:30—Boy Scouts Troop 15..... Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

10:00—YAS Music (Tu & Wed)..... Room 220
2:00—Tea at Two..... Parlor
2:00—Library Committee..... Library
6:00—Executive Council Meeting..... Room 310
6:30—Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:
Anger Management... Room 309 Parenting.... Rooms 305 & 306
Rebuilding from Broken Relationships..... Room 307

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

7:00—Elders' Breakfast..... Room 405 & Chapel
9:00—CCF Chapel..... Chapel
10:30—Sherri Sutton's Fall Bible Study..... Room 310
5:30-6:00—Neighborhood Meal..... Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00—The Neighborhood Worship..... Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00—First Kidz (Grades PreK-5th)..... Room 402
7:00-8:00—Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)..... Room 403/Gym
7:00-9:00—Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)..... Stratten Hall

Friday, September 28, 2018

9:00—CCF Spanish..... Room 220

Sunday, September 30, 2018

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8:40—Worship..... Chapel
9:30—Sunday School
9:45—Journey Through Scripture Bible Study..... Parlor
10:45—Worship..... Sanctuary
3:45-7:00—Sunday Evening Activities



First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

Sunday Worship at 8:40am in the Chapel
10:45am in the Sanctuary
Sunday School at 9:30am

Acoustic worship Wednesdays at 6pm
in Fellowship Hall

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